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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The documents are being submitted after the close of prosecution but prior to the payment of the issue fee, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) a statement and the fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are enclosed.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

References JP 200-308688 and US 4,521,263, cited in the foreign Office Action, were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 29, 2005 and August 13, 2009, respectively. Thus, these references are not cited here.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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